[13th March 1959

Mr. SPEAKER : Hon. Members must put questions which are within the purview of the Minister to answer. I admitted the main question because I did not know whether the Minister was concerned with it or not. But once he says it is not his concern, how can we ask further questions? If the hon. Member asks whether the Government will consider the question of recommending import of small cars to the Union Government, it is all right. But he cannot ask about prices and all that.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Is the Minister at least personally aware?

Mr. SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister's personal awareness has nothing to do with the Assembly. It is the same question as that put by the hon. Member Mr. Rasheed.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Is he aware that prices of small cars are daily going up beyond the catalogued price and they are sold at blackmarket prices?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : No representations have been received by this Government in this behalf.

Mr. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[Note—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—PRIVILEGE MOTION *RE* A REPORT IN THE 'DINAMANI'.

Mr. SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Sri K. Anbazhagan has brought to my notice that a report about the proceedings of this House in the 'Dinamani', dated 11th March 1959 is not a true report. He has requested me to permit him to raise the issue as one of breach of privilege of the Members of this House. He says it has no relation to the actual proceedings of the House. I have not, however, had a chance of sending for the Editor to find out the true state of affairs. Therefore, I shall postpone my ruling to tomorrow. I shall take up this question tomorrow.

Sri N.R. THIAGARAJAN : இன்றைக்கு சரியான நியூஸ் போட்டிருக்கிறார்களே ?

Mr. SPEAKER : How does the hon. Member know what has constituted breach of privilege ? நான் பிரிவிலெஜ் பிரச்னை என்று சொன்னேனே தவிர எந்த பிரிவிலெஜ் பிரச்னை என்று சொல்லவில்லையே. அதற்குள்ளாக எப்படி மாற்றிப் போட்டு விட்டார்கள் என்று கனம் அங்கத்தினர் சொல்ல முடியும்? நாளைக்கு அவரைக் கேட்கிறேன். என்ன என்று பரிசீலனை செய்து நாளைக்குச் சொல்கிறேன் என்று தான் நான் சொன்னேன்.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : இந்த மாதிரி விஷயங்களை சபாநாயகர் அறையிலேயே எடுத்துக்கொள்வதாயிற்றே, இதை சபையில் கொண்டு வரவேண்டியதன் காரணமென்ன ?

Sri K. ANBAZHAGAN : **On a point of order, Sir,** ஒரு பிரிவிலெஜ் பிரச்னையை—உரிமைப் பிரச்னையை—எழுப்பும் போது சட்ட மன்றத்தில் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளாமல் ரூமிலே நடக்க வேண்டுமென்று சொல்வது சட்ட மன்ற ஒழுங்குக்கு விரோதமானது என்று உங்களுக்குத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன்.

13th March 1959]

Mr. SPEAKER : நான் உங்களைத் தானே ஸப்போர்ட் செய்தேன். I supported you. This is the place where you can raise it. I will give my ruling to-morrow.

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION *RE* ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1959-60.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I move—

'That, with reference to rule 178 of the Madras Assembly Rules this Assembly do proceed, on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Speaker, to elect fifteen mebers to be members of the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1959-60.

The motion was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER : "In accordance with the regulations framed by me for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 11 a.m. on Monday, the 16th March 1959, as the time within which nomination papers of candidates for election to the Committee of Privileges should reach the Secretary. Nomination forms can be had on application to the Secretary. 9 a.m.

The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at 3 p.m. on Monday, the 10th March 1959. I also fix 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 17th March 1959 as the last hour and date for the withdrawal of candidature

If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of seats to be filled, namely 15, a poll will be taken on Wednesday the 18th March 1959 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m."

IV.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1959-60—*cont.*

(1) DEMAND IX—HEAD OF STATE, MINISTERS AND HEADQUARTERS STAFF.

(2) DEMAND XI—ELECTIONS.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor, I move—

'That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 1,02,67,100 under Demand IX—Head of State, Ministers and Headquarters Staff.'

MR. SPEAKER : I understand that the cut motion of the hon. Member Sri M. Kalyanasundaram, is being supported by the Opposition. I call upon Sri Kalyanasundaram to move his cut motion.